Foundation for Success:

Children are most successful when parents, teachers and the community work together to meet the needs of each child. CEO’s Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program embraces this idea.

There are many benefits associated with early childhood education. According to the National Education Association: “Research shows that providing a high quality education for children before they turn five yields significant long-term benefits.

One well-known study, the *HighScope Perry Preschool Study*, found that individuals who were enrolled in a quality preschool program ultimately earned up to $2,000 more per month than those who were not. Young people who were in pre-school programs are more likely to graduate from high school, to own homes, and have longer marriages.”

We have found that students attending the UPK program have fared better in their kindergarten experience and beyond.

- Mark Foti, Hoosic Valley Elementary School Principal

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Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Designed to help children prepare for kindergarten and learn the skills they need to be successful in school.

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Our Purpose:
Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) gives children an opportunity to receive high-quality early education, teaching students the necessary skills they will need when they enter into the school system.

The program has a focus on building positive self-esteem and a love of learning. Some classrooms are offered in the school where the child will attend kindergarten the following year. UPK curricula align with those of each school district to make sure each child is well-prepared and has an easy transition into elementary school.

Our Goals:
Certified UPK teachers teach students skills that are age-appropriate and include reading, listening, reasoning, speaking, coordination, social skills, and emotional skills. Teachers provide a fun and safe learning experience that meets the needs of each child.

UPK Classes:
UPK classes are a great opportunity for children to be exposed to a standard classroom setting. Classes run five hours a day, Monday through Friday. However, students who have the opportunity to dually-enroll in CEO’s Head Start program attend class for six hours a day.

CEO collaborates with the following local school districts to offer high-quality UPK programming:
- Troy
- Lansingburgh
- Hoosic Valley
- Hoosick Falls
- Cambridge
- Rensselaer

Additional Information:
- Eligibility for dual enrollment with Head Start is based on income requirements
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten is 100% compliant with Common Core standards to prepare children for success as they progress in their schooling

Eligibility Requirements:
- The child must be 4 years old by December 1st of the school year.
- They must reside within the school district.
Each family must complete paperwork and submit supporting documentation (physical/immunizations) based on what the school district requires.